**Gallatin County Elementary School**

*“On Track for Success”*

Minutes of Elementary April 10, 2013 SBDM meeting

**Members Present:** Joe Wright, JoAnn McCaughan, Kelly Middendorf, Tammy Walters, Marty Glenn, Etelva Staverman and Shelley Simpson

**Members Absent:** None

**Guest:** Shonda Dunn and Student Teacher Breann Bond

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. in the Lower Elementary Conference room.
2. Opening Business
	1. Agenda approved with modifications.

b. March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

c. Good News Report

* + 1. Ms. Scudder and the first grade team exceeded their challenge to make units of study more engaging and fun for students by recreating The Wizard of Oz with a yellow brick road in the hall displaying students’ names for their achievements, journal writing about the books, and investigation of the mystery of what happened to the witch the house fell on and more.
		2. First grade had a successful health fair April 9th sponsored by the FRC and Extension Office.
1. Planning
	1. A field trip to The Cincinnati Zoo for second grade was approved for May 3rd. Thanks to a grant, the student admission fees for this trip were waived.
	2. 2nd reading of The Student Scheduling Policy was reviewed and passed.
	3. 2nd reading of The Retention Policy was reviewed, a 3rd reading will be presented at the May meeting with the understanding the policy will be utilized now as a “practice policy” awaiting policy adoption.
	4. A field trip to The Cincinnati Zoo for kindergarten was approved for May 9rd. This is the first part of the animal contrast study, zoo animals.
	5. A field trip to Sunrock Farm in Wilder, KY for kindergarten was approved for May 13th. This is the second part of the animal contrast study, farm animals. Thanks to a grant, one half the student admission fees for this trip were waived.
2. Committee Reports
	1. The Culture Committee update report was presented from their March 13th meeting.
		1. Gold Star use is being reexamined, with return to stars being awarded from the office, with students being picked randomly. Rewards of recognition in the classroom are preferred over gifts as reward.
		2. Game Day for attendance the 3rd nine weeks is March 15th with 41 students attending.
		3. Best Day Ever is scheduled for May 6th. The schedule and procurement of volunteers is being discussed with Ms. Kannady.
		4. Grandparents Day was discussed with a scheduled date of April 24th, to occur after school, eliminating the need for background checks and students without grandparents being left out.
		5. Last Attendance Day will be used to take the seven perfect attendance students and perfect attendance teachers to Dairy Queen.
		6. Next Year’s Incentive Rewards for teachers was discussed. A survey will be sent for suggestions.
		7. The possibility of an after school dance for extra funds was discussed.
	2. The RTI Committee Report was presented from their meeting two weeks ago with the following highlights.
		1. Clarification was made that the RTI Policy was in the shared drive as well as all the letters that are to go home with student’s notifying parents. It is up to the teachers to utilize these and initiate the process. The Tier Team is responsible for discussing issues amongst their team.
		2. The RTI Committee only needs to meet when a student is brought to them by a teacher.
3. Old Business
	1. The Discipline Code was reviewed without changes.
4. New Business:
	1. The same budget allotment was received from the board for next year. It will be turned over to The Budget Committee for review and any possible adjustments needed.
5. Review
	1. The next meeting is as scheduled to occur on May 8th at 3:30pm.
6. Adjourned 4:45 pm